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SUBJECT: SECOND INTERNATIONAL MARINE POLLUTION SYMPOSIUM

REF: BELGRADE 2427; OAKLEY-PRAVDIC TELECON 4/18/77

1. EPA RECEIVED LETTER FROM PRAVDIC REITERATING HIS OBTAINING LIMITED OFFICIAL APPROVAL AND FUNDING FOR MARINE POLLUTION SYMPOSIUM AS REPORTED IN REFTEL. HE STATES FURTHER THAT THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF FAITSEC HAS INFORMED HIM THAT THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF JOINT FUND INTEREST EARNINGS. EPA UNDERSTANDS PROBLEM, HOWEVER, OF DISPROPORTIONATE USE OF JOINT FUND INTEREST EARNINGS FOR CROATIAN PROJECTS.

2. JOINT BOARD STATES IN ITS APRIL DECISION DOCUMENT THAT "IF AGREED TO BY BOTH SIDES, THE BOARD MAY APPROVE THIS PROJECT AND AUTHORIZE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS BY CORRESPON-  
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DENCE. THE BOARD IS WILLING TO CONSIDER TAKING THIS EXCEPTIONAL MEASURE IN THIS INSTANCE BECAUSE OF TIMING CONSTRAINTS." IN LIGHT OF ABOVE AS WELL AS DEVELOPMENTS REPORTED IN REFTEL, EPA CONSIDERING SENDING MESSRS. KIRKE HARPER, EPA ACTING ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES, AND ALAN SIELEN (EPA PROJECT OFFICER FOR SYMPOSIUM) TO YUGOSLAVIA MAY 8-13 TO REVIEW STATUS OF

SYMPOSIUM AND MAKE SITE VISITS RELATED TO YUGOSLAVIA'S

MARINE RESEARCH PROGRAM. MAY 8-13 HIGHLY PREFERABLE SINCE HARPER WILL BE IN EUROPE ON OTHER BUSINESS PREVIOUS WEEK AND IS AGREEABLE TO EXTENDING STAY IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN TIMELY APPROVAL FOR SYMPOSIUM. DATES ALSO ACCEPTABLE TO PRAVDIC PER OAKLEY-PRAVDIC TELECON 4/18/77. WOULD ALSO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH DRS. STROHAL AND PRAVDIC OF RUDJER BOSKOVIC INSTITUTE, ZAGREB, TO DISCUSS ORGANIZATIONAL DETAILS FOR SYMPOSIUM AS WELL AS STATUS OF SFCP PROJECT STUDIES OF MARINE POLLUTION IN THE ADRIATIC, 2-512-3. CONSIDERING HIGH IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO SYMPOSIUM BY EPA AND RUDJER BOSKOVIC, AS WELL AS ADVANCED STAGE OF PLANNING BY ORGANIZERS, EPA FEELS VISIT COULD SERVE AS CATALYST TO SECURE AGREEMENT TO WHICH YUGOSLAVS SEEM ON VERGE OF ACCEPTING.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY OPINION AS TO WHETHER PROPOSED VISIT WOULD BE USEFUL AND WHETHER APPROPRIATE YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO MEETING TO DISCUSS SYMPOSIUM. IF AFFIRMATIVE, EPA REQUESTS EMBASSY OBTAIN APPOINTMENTS FOR HARPER AND SIELEN WITH APPROPRIATE YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS IN BELGRADE MAY 8-10. PROPOSED ITINERARY FOLLOWS:

-- MR. HARPER PLANS ARRIVE BELGRADE SUNDAY, MAY 8 AT 6:45 PM VIA JU 319. HIS ITINERARY IN YUGOSLAVIA FOLLOWS:

-- MAY 11 DEPART BELGRADE 8:10 AM VIA JU 320; ARRIVE UNCLASSIFIED

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ZAGREB 8:55 AM.

-- MAY 12 DEPART ZAGREB 1:35 PM VIA JU 381; ARRIVE BELGRADE 2:20 PM.

-- MAY 13, DEPART BELGRADE 9:20 AM VIA JU 400.

-- MR. SIELEN DEPARTS WASHINGTON MAY 7 AT 5:30 PM VIA PAN AM 66. ARRIVES BELGRADE MAY 8 AT 12:15 PM.

-- MAY 12 DEPART BELGRADE 8:10 AM VIA JU 320; ARRIVE ZAGREB 8:55 AM.

-- MAY 12 DEPART ZAGREB 9:35 AM VIA JU 892; ARRIVE DUBROVNIK 10:25 AM.

-- MAY 13 DEPART DUBROVNIK 10:50 AM VIA JU 406.

SIELEN PLANS VISIT DUBROVNIK CENTER FOR POSTGRADUATE

STUDIES--SITE FOR MARINE POLLUTION SYMPOSIUM.

4. EPA HAS REQUESTED BY COMMERCIAL TELEX TWO SINGLE ROOMS AT HOTEL METROPOL IN BELGRADE (HARPER AND SIELEN) FOR NIGHTS OF MAY 8-10, HOTEL ESPLANADE IN ZAGREB (HARPER AND SIELEN) FOR NIGHT OF MAY 11, ONE SINGLE (HARPER) HOTEL METROPOL IN BELGRADE FOR NIGHT OF MAY 12 AND ONE SINGLE (SIELEN) HOTEL EXCELSIOR IN DUBROVNIK NIGHT OF MAY 12. EMBASSY REQUESTED PLEASE CONFIRM; ALSO PROVIDE PER DIEM AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COSTS FROM FUNDS WITHHELD SFCP PROJECT 2-512-3 THESE PURPOSES. HARPER AND SIELEN HAVE TICKETED ALL FLIGHTS INCLUDING AIR TRAVEL WITHIN YUGOSLAVIA.

5. EMBASSY RESPONSE REQUESTED ASAP WITH INFO COPY TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, PARIS, C/O KIRKE HARPER. EPA APPRECIATES EMBASSY ASSISTANCE.  
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